



Mountain View Recycling Resource

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Holiday Reminders

On-Call Plus

Remember to schedule a free On-Call Plus clean up appointment soon. There will be no appointments scheduled between December 27, 2010 and January 21, 2011 to allow for holiday tree collection. However, vouchers to the SMaRT Station will still be available. Call Recology at **650-967-3034** for more information.

Collection Schedule

There is no garbage or recycling collection on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day or New Year's Day. If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week with Friday collection on Saturday.

Bottled Water Not Necessarily the Better Choice

Did you know Americans buy half a billion bottles of water every week? That's enough plastic bottles to circle the world more than five times! In addition, while a gallon of most municipal (tap) water costs less than 1 cent, bottled water can cost over \$3.00 per gallon.

With worldwide bottled water sales estimated at between \$50 and \$100 billion each year, marketers have created the illusion that bottled water is healthier and of higher quality than tap water. However, a recent study by the National Resources Defense Council found this is not the case (www.nrdc.org/water/drinking/bw/bwinx.asp). Many people are beginning to realize that bottled water is not better for you as an individual, and definitely not environmentally friendly. For example:

- The amount of oil needed to produce a years worth of water bottles for Americans could fuel 100,000 cars for an entire year;
- Only about 13% of water bottles used in the United States get recycled. The rest end up in landfills, incinerators or as litter;
- Bottled water production, transportation, and disposal create greenhouse gas emissions and the release of other toxic chemicals.

Try these alternatives to bottled water to save time, money and the environment:

- Drink from the municipal water supply. Mountain View provides excellent quality water that is strictly monitored and complies with all State and Federal regulations;
- Invest in a reusable stainless steel container and fill it with tap water;
- If you prefer your water filtered, use a filtration system.



What To Do With Musical Greeting Cards

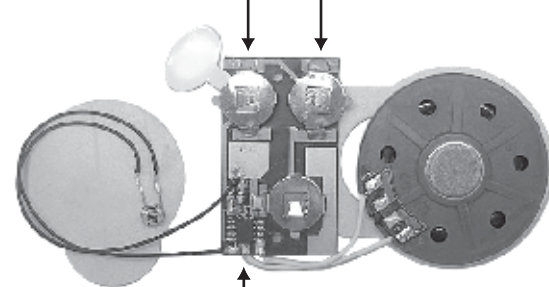
If you've ever received a musical greeting card, you might have wondered how to dispose of it. Because they contain electronics and a battery, they don't belong in the trash. But with a little effort, you can recycle the components.

First, remove the miniature speaker, the electronic circuit board and the battery(ies). The circuit board along with the speaker and wire can be recycled with any other e-waste you have (the SMaRT Station® in Sunnyvale accepts e-waste 7 days per week, see page 4 for location and hours). If the battery is still good, reuse it. When it is spent, it can be recycled curbside along with other household batteries or at the Mountain View Recycling Center during buy-back hours (see page 4 for location and hours). The paper card goes in your recycling cart.

If it sounds like a lot of trouble to recycle a musical greeting card, you might want to consider not buying them, and let your family and friends know that you prefer not to receive them.



Remove batteries and recycle these along with other household batteries.



Remove electronic circuit board from card, and recycle along with other e-waste.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I dispose of compostable food service ware like cups, plates and utensils?

Many restaurants are using compostable food service ware for take-out service to be earth-friendly. Compostable food service ware products by themselves are better than polystyrene foam or plastic containers because they are not made from petroleum products and will break down in the environment if littered. However, they are still single-use products and cannot be recycled or placed in your yard trimmings cart in Mountain View. These items might be compostable if you have a backyard

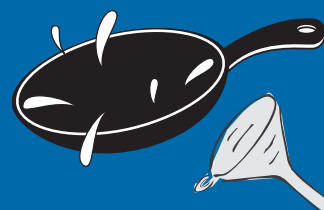


composting bin that gets hot enough, but most don't. Although collected yard trimmings are composted, food waste and compostable food service ware are not currently allowed in Mountain View's yard trimmings composting process. At the present time, Mountain View does not have a residential food composting program, but is running a pilot program for large commercial generators.



Cooking Oil Drop-Off for Residents

Cooking oil is now being accepted at the SMaRT Recycling Center in Sunnyvale. Residents may bring no more than two 5-gallon containers of used residential cooking oil in sealed plastic containers per visit. Containers should be given directly to the recycling center attendant and will not be returned. The SMaRT Station is open 7 days a week, 8 am to 5 pm. For location, see page 4.



Put your used cooking oil in a sealed plastic container and take it to the SMaRT Recycling Center.

How to Recycle at Home

Household Batteries

Place used batteries in the bag provided by Recology Mountain View and set on top of cart. Recology will empty it and return the bag to you for reuse. (Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire. Spent batteries may have enough voltage remaining to start a fire.)

Mixed Containers (Blue Lid)

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and wide-mouth tubs #1 through #7, metal cans and metal lids in the cart under the blue lid.

Paper (Grey Lid)

Put newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the cart under the grey lid.

Used Motor Oil and Filters

Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Recology and set on top of the curb.

Cardboard

Flatten and tie or tape into bundles no more than 3’x3’ in size and place on top of curb next to recycle cart.

Extra yard trimmings and recycling

If you *regularly* have extra recycling or yard waste, order a larger or second cart (no charge). If you *occasionally* need more service, use an On Call Plus Clean Up appointment (no charge) or schedule an extra collection (\$10/cart). Call Recology Mountain View at **650-967-3034**.

Extra garbage

Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Lucky, Safeway, Nob Hill or Rite-Aid (Grant Road), the City Library or Finance Department at City Hall. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.



Where to Set Out Carts

- 1** Set out all carts **in the street** by 7 am on collection day. Remove carts no later than the next day.
- 2** Place carts in the street **at least 18 inches apart** (for mechanical collection). Keep carts away from overhanging trees, carports and balconies.
- 3** Store the carts inside the garage or behind a fence, hedge, or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.
- 4** Do not place carts on top of the curb or on the sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, driver will manually collect carts from the top of the curb.

Questions? Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034.

WHAT’S RECYCLABLE?

| What’s accepted? | | What’s not accepted? | |
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| <p>Paper</p> <p>All paper should be clean and without food residue.</p> <p>Catalogs, magazines, telephone books (no plastic wrapper)</p> <p>Cereal and cake mix boxes (remove all liners)</p> <p>Computer and plain fax paper</p> <p>Construction or art paper (less than 50% painted)</p> <p>Corrugated cardboard boxes (flattened)</p> <p>Egg cartons (paper only)</p> <p>Gift-wrapping paper and greeting cards</p> <p>Junk mail and envelopes (plastic windows okay)</p> <p>Manila file folders</p> <p>Newspaper and inserts</p> <p>Paper (any color), tablet paper and backs</p> <p>Paper bags</p> <p>Paperback books</p> <p>Post-it notes</p> <p>Shoe or clothes boxes (flattened)</p> <p>Shredded paper (no plastic bag)</p> <p>Store receipts (NCR carbonless ok)</p> | <p>Metal Cans</p> <p>Aluminum cans and foil</p> <p>Metal food cans and lids</p> <p>Steel and tin cans</p> <div></div> <p>Plastic Bottles and Tubs #1 through #7</p> <p>Baby wipe tubs</p> <p>Bakery, deli and salad tubs (no clamshells)*</p> <p>Catsup bottles</p> <p>Cottage cheese tubs</p> <p>Detergent bottles</p> <p>Margarine tubs</p> <p>Milk jugs</p> <p>Peanut butter jars</p> <p>Prescription bottles</p> <p>Shampoo bottles</p> <p>Syrup bottles</p> <p>Water, soda and juice bottles</p> <p>Yogurt tubs</p> | <p>Paper</p> <p>Any paper with food residue</p> <p>Beverage cups, coffee cups</p> <p>Binder clips (staples and small paperclips okay)</p> <p>Donut boxes, fast-food cups, burger wrappers</p> <p>Egg cartons (polystyrene foam)</p> <p>Foil gift wrap</p> <p>Food and candy wrappers, snack or potato chip bags</p> <p>Frozen food boxes</p> <p>Hardback books</p> <p>Ice cream cartons</p> <p>Milk, soy, juice cartons or bags</p> <p>Paper covered with paint or pet waste</p> <p>Pizza boxes</p> <p>Plastic-coated papers (photographs)</p> <p>Spiral-bound notebooks or vinyl binders</p> <p>Tissues, paper towels, paper plates</p> <p>Waxed (dark brown) cardboard</p> <p>Metal</p> <p>Aerosol can (empty or full)</p> <p>Construction debris, nails, metal pipes or car parts</p> <p>Pots, pans and appliances</p> <p>Glass</p> <p>Any glass that is not a bottle or jar</p> <p>Ceramic coffee cups or dishes</p> <p>Drinking glasses</p> <p>Fluorescent tubes or any light bulb</p> <p>Mirrors, picture frame glass, window glass</p> | <p>Plastic</p> <p>Any plastic container not marked #1 through #7</p> <p>Any plastic that is not a bottle, tub or jar</p> <p>Any plastic container larger than 2-gallons</p> <p>Beverage cups, plates, utensils and straws</p> <p>Bubble-wrap, shrink-wrap, plastic tarps</p> <p>Buckets, laundry baskets, crates, plant pots, pails</p> <p>Clamshells (deli, fast-food)*</p> <p>Computer disks or “jewel” boxes for disks</p> <p>Foam beverage cups, food or meat trays</p> <p>Foam packaging, blocks or “peanuts” (Styrofoam)</p> <p>Garden hoses or plastic toys</p> <p>Lids and caps</p> <p>Medical waste (saline bags, needles/ syringes)</p> <p>Photographs, negatives, microfiche, transparencies</p> <p>Plastic bags of any kind even if marked #1 through #7</p> <p>Plastic pens, pencils, glue bottles and glue sticks</p> <p>Styrofoam</p> <p>Toothpaste and ointment tubes</p> <div></div> |

* Clamshells are containers with a connected lid.

For Homes with Split Carts: When is my Collection Day?

Find Your Collection Day/Recycling Week:

- 1 Locate your neighborhood on the map below and note the collection day and color (or use the online street index below*).
- 2 Match the color to the calendar at right for the recycling week (i.e. Grey = Week B). **Example:** On Church Street between Hope and Castro, garbage day is every Tuesday, and recycling day is every other Tuesday starting on January 5 (Week A).

Questions? Call Recology Mountain View for schedules.

Apartments with group carts should call Recology at **650-967-3034** for schedules.

Holidays

Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 25), Christmas (December 25) and New Year's Day (January 1). If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week, with Friday collection on Saturday.

Free On-Call Plus Clean Up Program

Residents may schedule 3 curbside collections of extra trash, yard waste and bulky goods by calling Recology at **650-967-3034**. Appointments may be scheduled any time before December 24, 2010 and can be used to set out extra material in an 8'L x 4'W x 4'H area PLUS up to 3 bulky goods such as a washer, sofa and mattress at no charge. Appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul to the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale. No appointments scheduled December 27, 2010 through January 21, 2011.

*Find your collection day online: www.mvrecycle.org and click on collection schedule.



Color = Week A

Grey = Week B

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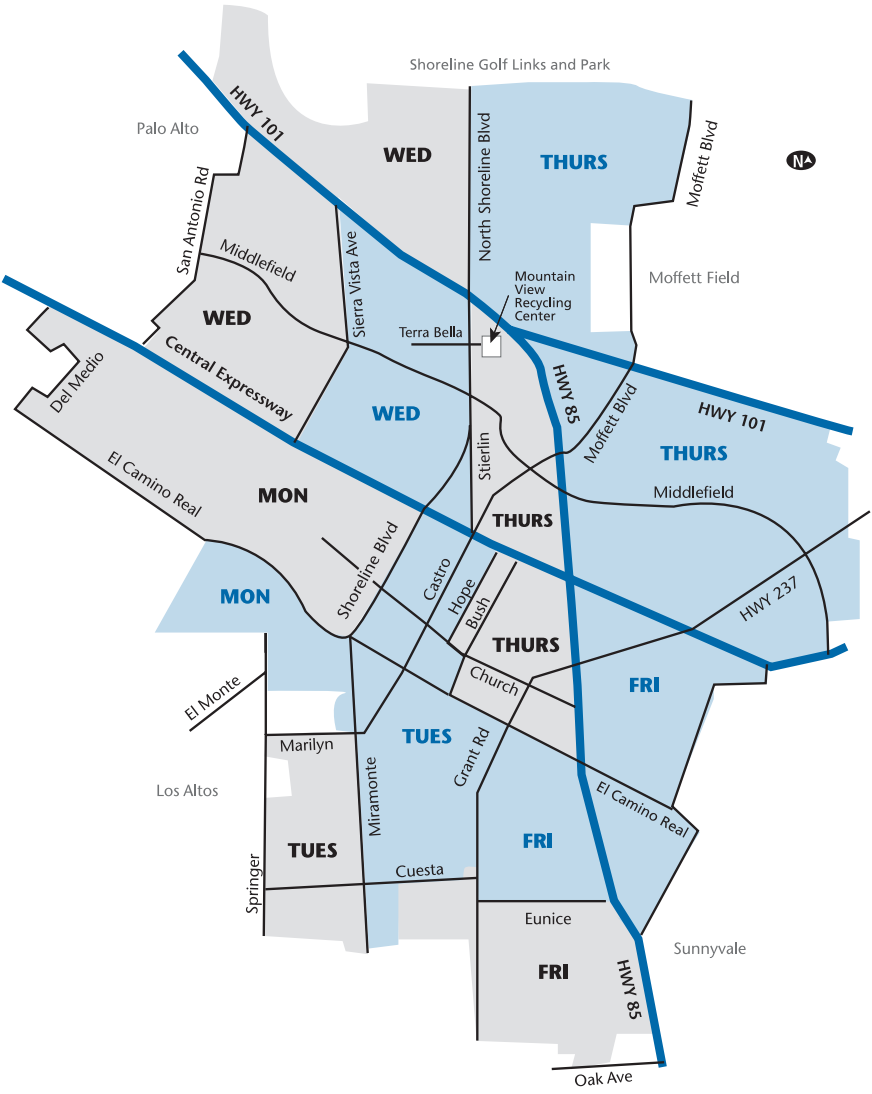
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E-Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Services

Effective February, 2006, California banned consumer electronics and other hazardous waste from the trash. These items cannot be placed in garbage or recycling containers because they contain lead, copper, mercury or chromium that can pollute the environment. The SMaRT Station and the County Household Hazardous Waste Program accept many items without charge. Recology also accepts many items in the On-Call Plus Clean Up Program without charge, but fees may apply for special handling of refrigerators, computer monitors and television sets.

Recology Mountain View (650-967-3034) Curbside Collection On Call Plus (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer disk drives
- Fax machines, calculators
- Keyboards, mouse
- Microwaves, stoves
- PDA's, camcorders, digital cameras
- Printers, scanners
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- VCRs, DVD players
- Washer, dryer
- Water heaters

Special Collection (fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers
- Computer monitors, laptops
- Televisions
- Tires

SMaRT Station (408-752-8530) 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale (see map p.4) (fee/no fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers (fee)
- Batteries (household¹ and vehicle)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer monitors, laptops, disk drives
- Fax machines, printers, scanners, calculators
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Keyboard, mouse
- Microwaves (fee) and stoves (fee)
- PDA's, camcorders, digital cameras
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Televisions
- Thermometers, thermostats
- Tires (fee)
- VCRs and DVD players
- Washer, dryer (fee)
- Water heaters (fee)

County HHW Program (408-299-7300 or www.hhw.org) By Appointment Only (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Fire extinguishers, flares
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Oil, paints, solvents, pesticides
- Pool chemicals, asbestos
- Medicine
- Propane/balloon tanks
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Smoke detectors
- Thermometers and thermostats.



¹ Household batteries may also be recycled through the residential curbside program (650-967-3034).

² Cell phones may be taken back to retail stores.

Recycling Directory

Bulb and Battery Take-Back Locations

Fluorescent lamps (compact bulbs, straight, circular, spiral and U-bent tubes) and **Household batteries** (no automotive batteries) from residential households can be taken to the following locations free of charge:

- Lamps and batteries**
Blossom True Value Hardware
1297 W El Camino Real, 650-964-7871
(Leave with employee at register)
- Orchard Supply Hardware
2555 Charleston Road, 650-691-2000
(Leave at customer service desk)

- Lamps only**
New Era Lighting
2243 Old Middlefield Way, 650-940-1559
- Batteries only**
Wolfe Camera
1898 W El Camino Real, 650-968-5666

Services

- Utility and garbage billing information**
including starting or changing garbage accounts, and purchasing extra garbage tags.
City Finance and Administrative Services Department
650-903-6317
- Garbage and recycling collection**
including pickup schedule, missed pickups, what’s recyclable, extra bins, extra yard trimmings, clean up and bulky goods services.
Recology Mountain View
650-967-3034
- Household batteries** can be taken to either Mountain View or SMaRT Station recycling centers. Residents with split carts may use curbside pickup (see page 2).

- Household hazardous waste**
free disposal by appointment.
County Toxics Hotline
408-299-7300
www.hhw.org

- Home composting information**
including free Bay-Friendly Gardening workshops, compost bins and brochures.
County Compost Hotline
408-918-4640
www.ReduceWaste.org

- Pollution prevention information** including best methods to reduce pollution.
City Environmental Safety Staff
650-903-6378

- Recycling Leaders Program**
City Public Works Department
650-903-6311

- Water conservation** information including methods, technology, and product rebates.
City Water Conservation Staff
650-903-6216

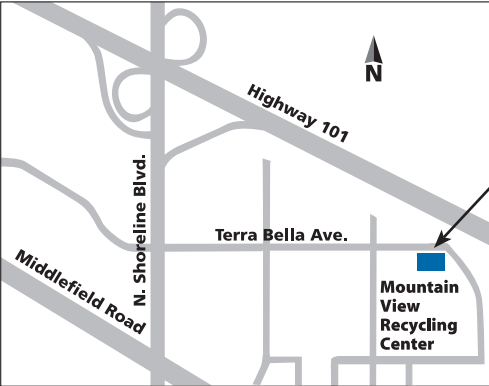
- Visit the City of Mountain View’s web site** for business or residential recycling information: www.mvrecycle.org



The Resource is printed on 50% post-consumer recycled paper. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Call 650-903-6311 or email recycle@mountainview.gov.

Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers

Mountain View sponsors two recycling centers where residents and businesses can drop off extra recycling or redeem “California Redemption Value” cans and bottles for cash.



Mountain View Recycling Center 935 Terra Bella Avenue, Mountain View

Hours: Buy-back Tues-Sat 9 am–3 pm
Drop-off Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 6 pm.

Questions? Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Days.

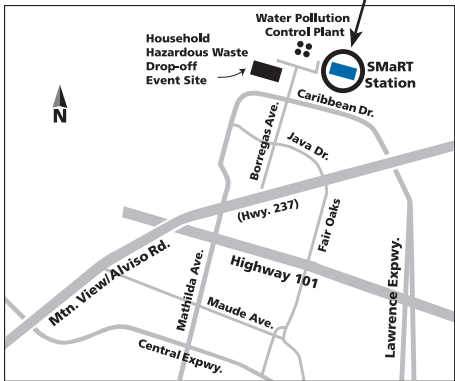
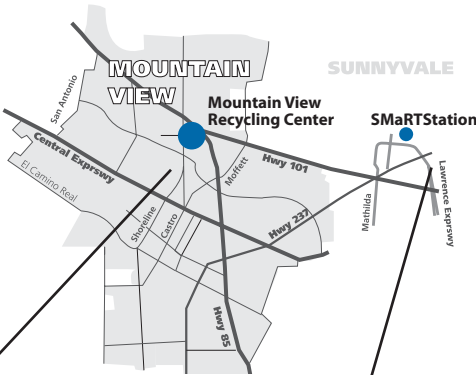
Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries*
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7



* **Batteries are accepted only during Buy-Back hours, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday**

Please take motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, fluorescent lights or construction material to the SMaRT Station.



SMaRT Station 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View’s garbage, yard trimmings, and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies). Free compost and mulch may be picked up by residents at the drop-off center.

Hours: Daily 7 days a week 8 am–5 pm.

Questions? Call SMaRT at **408-752-8530**.

Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries
- Metal cans and lids
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- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7
- Plastic bags
- Scrap metal less than 6 feet long, pots and pans

Bay-Friendly Gardening

Learn to compost and create a healthy and sustainable garden. To register call Santa Clara County Home Composting Program at **408-918-4640** or register online:

www.reducewaste.org



Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off

To make an appointment, call Santa Clara County HHW Program at **408-299-7300**. Find out more online:

www.hhw.org



Solid Waste & Recycling Calendar

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| Sept. 11 | Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop – Basics (San Jose) |
| Sept. 18 | Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day |
| Sept. 25 | California Coastal Cleanup Day www.cleanacreek.org Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop – Basics (Palo Alto) |
| Oct. 2 | Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop – From the Ground Up (San Jose) |
| Oct. 6 | Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop – Worm Composting (San Jose) |
| Oct. 16 | Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day |
| Nov. 6 | Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshop – Pest Management (San Jose) |
| Nov. 15 | America Recycles Day www.americarecyclesday.org |
| Nov. 20 | Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day |
| Dec. 18 | Confidential Document Shredding Event (info: 650-903-6311) |
| Dec. 27–Jan. 21, 2011 | Holiday Tree Collection |
| Dec. 27–Jan. 7, 2011 | Extra Holiday Recycling on your regular pick up day |

